

House Resolution No. 477

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wills, treasured residents of Millersville, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary on December 20, 2003, with a festive celebration and luncheon hosted by their family at Delmonico's in Jackson; and

Whereas, joined in marriage on December 23, 1933, Earl Wills and Opal Martin began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by Justice of the Peace Joe Rapp at the Cape Girardeau County Court House in Jackson; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Earl and Opal Wills have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, Earl and Opal Wills attribute their seventy years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their son and daughter-in-law, Gene and Ann Wills of Millersville; their two grandsons and their spouses, Alan and Karen Wills and Brent and Lori Wills, all of Jackson; and their four great-grandchildren, Kyla, Brandon, Alyssa, and Trent; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Earl and Opal Wills have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Earl and Opal Wills upon the glorious celebration of their Seventieth Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wills, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 477, adopted February 10, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker